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CIRCULATION BOOKS OPEN TO ADVERTINERS

Friday, August 24, 1917.

A PATRIOTIC PLEDGE.

Seven thousand mechanics and civil employees of the Philadelphia naval yard presented a memorial to Secretary Daniels, expressing of their desire to "stimulate all others to the fullest performance of their duties to the Government at this time." The decision of employees in Philadelphia is in line with patriotism and it will probably have an effect in New York, where a strike is being agitated. It is strange, considering the safety of workers, that they are unwilling to suffer financial sacrifice; and it is certainly no time for any organization to present an ultimatum. The trouble in Oklahoma amounted to nothing more than a strike, although it was a question of lives, not dollars, that actuated the insurrectionists in that State.

WHAT PEOPLE THINK.

Governor Ferguson refused to tell. No man has the right to say why. If he secured \$156,000 from friends, under a promise of secrecy, and the money represented nothing more than friendship, his silence amounted to a solemn obligation. The unfortunate part of it is, suspicion has many mouths and many ways of putting things. Many people believe that Governor Ferguson secured the loan from interested individuals, and this theory will work to the theorist's disadvantage. If the loan represented friendship only, the men who made it should have consented to full publicity.

WAS IT INTENDED?

Although German atrocities have been established through German sources, it is difficult to think that enemy aviators deliberately fired on a hospital behind the lines at Verdun. French dispatches indicate that Red Cross markers were on the buildings that they were illumined by fire. On the other hand, wounded Germans were probably among the victims, and it is hardly possible that Germans fired on Germans with due knowledge of their acts.

OTHER VIEWS

Nailing Down the Truth. Kaiser Wilhelm's letter of August 10, 1914, to President Wilson, made public by Ambassador Goran, helps make history. In the dispassionate records of posterity, it leaves the black stain upon German militarism that it deserves.

"Knowledge having been received that France is preparing to enter Belgium," the imperial peace set down, "then crossed out 'knowledge' and wrote 'news.' There was no such news. Neither was there such knowledge. The Kaiser knew it. His staff had no ordnance. In the north France fought, as she had to fight, as Germany meant and planned that she should fight upon the defensive."

Yet, upon this living pretext the emperor wrote to the president that the neutrality of Belgium "had to be violated by Germany on strategic grounds." In this sentence he affirms the statement of his chancellor six days earlier, upon the momentous assembling of the Reichstag to vote its first war credit. For on August 4, Von Bethmann-Hollweg had said:

"Necessity knows no law. Our troops have occupied Luxembourg, and perhaps are already on Belgian soil. One knew they were." Gentlemen that is contrary to the dictates of international law.

A new definition for a clergyman was given recently in the courthouse. A young man from a nearby town, accompanied by the lady of his choice, had just visited the office of the County Clerk, McComb, and had invited in a marriage license.

Just before leaving the office the young man turned to the obliging county clerk and asked the question:

"Will you please tell me where we can find the man who runs the Methodist church?"

Caller Tobacco Fund For the Soldiers Abroad

The good women of the country are soliciting stockings, socks, garter bands and all sorts of comfortable things to send to the soldiers at the front.

What about tobacco?

There is nothing that you can think of that will give more comfort and induce in those men than tobacco.

The Caller has made all arrangements to send tobacco, and not only that, but is going to send the most popular brands in this country—the kinds that many of the men have used at home and that they all know are good.

Tobacco can be sent to Europe without fear of import duty or restriction through the generosity of the leading tobacco manufacturers we are enabled to send 300 worth of smoking tobacco, chewing tobacco or cigarettes for 25¢.

It will be worth many quarters to receive grateful acknowledgment of your donation from some soldier at the front. A return post card stamped and addressed to you will be placed in each package that you donate.

Send us a quarter if that is all that you can spare or more if you can spare it. There won't be any too much tobacco to go around. The names of those who made donations and the amounts donated will be printed in this newspaper from time to time.

The following contributions to the fund have been received to date:

J. C. Anderson and Grandsons \$4.00

Joseph McKee \$1.00

Prof. L. W. Crisp \$1.00

Cut out the form below full if not as liberal an amount as you see fit to give and send it in with your contribution without doing so is important to get tobacco to the other side as quickly as it can be done.

The Corpus Christi Caller:

In accordance with your offer to send number boxes of tobacco and cigarettes to our soldiers in Europe in name of the persons who for the sake of \$1.00 will do so, and will thank you to send one name to be marked below and enclose in such package a stamped return post card addressed to me.

One pkg. No. 1 Popular cigarettes, retail value of 25¢

25¢ per box & Popular pipe tobacco, retail value of 25¢

One pkg. No. 2 Popular cigarette tobacco, retail value of 25¢

One pkg. No. 3 Popular chewing tobacco, retail value of 25¢

One pkg. No. 4 Popular chewing tobacco, retail value of 25¢

Other Name _____

Street Address _____

City and State _____

HOW MEN OF BRITISH "FATIGUE" FORCE ARE LABORING IN EUROPE

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line on the 20th and in a series of records of British marching regiments, giving out of the funds to support them. Interesting exceptions are the Highlanders, who are not accustomed to marching, and the Royal Artillery, who are not accustomed to marching.

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